

# ***LAMOINE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES***

MEETING DATE: June 7, 2006

ATTENDENCE: Bob Pulver, Amy Duym, David Sanderson, Enid Neleski, Robin Veysey, Patti Haslam, Val Perkins – Principal, and David Bridgham - Union 92 Business Manager.

## **SUMMARY OF EVENTS:**

1. It was reported that as of June 7, the Jina Gym Fund had raised a total of \$122,905.06 and had a current balance of \$117,170.56.
2. It was reported that on May 10 the Commissioner of Education informed the Superintendent that two of the six applications that were submitted for consideration under the State Revolving Renovation Fund did not score high enough on the needs index to merit funding consideration. The two projects involved replacement of asbestos containing floor tiles and/or mastic and renovation of entrances and fixtures for ADA compliance.

It was reported that on May 26 the Commissioner of Education informed the Superintendent that applications for four projects that were submitted for consideration under the State Revolving Renovation Funds had been approved for funding and were authorized to proceed. The four projects involve;

- Roof Renovations involving insulation, vapor barrier and ventilation
- HVAC including replacement of the boiler and wall mounted heating/cooling units.
- Upgrading electrical systems and lighting
- Plumbing repairs including increasing water storage and replacing the septic system.

The total amount of funding approved for all projects is \$652,300. The town will be required to approve issuing a bond in that amount. If approved, the state will forgive 30% (\$195,690). The remaining \$456,610 will be paid back, interest-free, over 10 years. The authorized work must be materially complete and commitment issued by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank by December 30, 2007.

3. The committee discussed the merits of presenting other building needs to the town that might be completed at the same time the State funded work is being completed. The Priority List for program and space issues that cannot be addressed with State Revolving Renovation Funds stands as follows:

<u>Priority #</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Program or Space Need</u>
1	62	Gym (with locker rooms and fine arts area/stage)
2	95	Replace Portables with permanent space
3	109	Parking/Student Drop-off area w/ safe entry and office area
4	114	Grade Groupings with Bathrooms and Water
5	115	State-of –the-Art Technology Infrastructure
6	138	Middle Level Science lab/Art
7	146	Storage Space
8	156	Improved/efficient lighting and ceiling tiles
9	163	Safer Playground (away from traffic & public access)
10	185	Large Community Library
11	210	Chemical Storage
12	221	Pest Control
13	237	Water Fountains

5. The committee recommended that the school committee authorize the architectural/engineering firm Oak Point Associates to develop a concept design and cost estimates which incorporate items on the Priority List and the State approved renovations into a single project. The committee suggested that the resulting information could be presented to the town at a series of hearings in order to determine which, if any, of the items the citizen's might want to pursue at the time the renovations are taking place.
6. The committee continued a discussion of the pros and cons of consolidation with another school district vs. building/renovating the existing structure. A list of pros and cons has been developed for each of a number of possible options. The list, as it currently stands, appears below:

Four distinct options for addressing all of the building needs were identified, and the pros and cons identified thus far were listed and discussed. This is a partial list with more items to be addressed at future meetings.

**1. Maintain status Quo and continue to address building issues with annual capital expenses funded through the school budget.**

PROS:

- Long-term Savings
- Saves Fuel
- Local Control
- School Choice for High School Students

CONS:

- Lack of Program Space
- Dated Technology and Laboratory Facilities
- Retention of Portable Classrooms for Student Use

**2. Renovate and Build using bond proceeds to be repaid through a combination of State Revolving Renovation Funds, privately raised money, and local taxes.**

**PROS:**

- New Facility
- Saves Fuel
- Local Control
- Improved Technology and Laboratories
- Brings K-8 Students Together in Single Facility
- School Choice for High School Students

**CONS:**

- Long-Term Cost

**3. Close the Lamoine school, consolidate with the Ellsworth School Department and transport all students to Ellsworth Schools, or pay tuition to send K-8 students to schools in Ellsworth or neighboring towns.**

**PROS:**

- New Facilities in Ellsworth and Trenton
- Modern Technology and Laboratories at a new Ellsworth Facility
- Improve Program Space at a new Ellsworth Facility

**CONS:**

- Loss of Local Control/Representation
- Cost of Transporting
- Increased Time on Buses for Young Students
- Impediment to School Choice for High School Students
- Only Short-term Savings

**4. Maintain existing facility and continue to address building deficiencies with annual capital expenses funded through the school budget, for occupation by students in lower grades; and pay tuition for middle school students to attend schools in Ellsworth or neighboring towns.**

**PROS:**

- New Facilities in Ellsworth and Trenton
- Modern Technology and Laboratories at a new Ellsworth Facility
- Improve Program Space at a new Ellsworth Facility
- Eliminates Need for Portable Classrooms

CONS:

- Loss of Local Control/Representation
- Cost of Transporting
- Impediment to School Choice for High School Students
- Will not Result in a Savings

7. The committee scheduled the next meeting for **Wednesday, July 13 at 5:30 P.M..**

